

Plan addresses important issues

What kind of public services would people want in downtown Warm Springs?

What kind of housing might citizens want? Rental houses, or apartments?

What if you want to keep a horse in your backyard?

The committee charged with formulating the plan to manage urban areas on the Warm Springs Reservation, the Integrated Resource Management Plan III, or IRMP III, seeks input from the community.

The committee invites community members to meet, as families or groups of friends, and discuss the plan, which is promised to affect the daily lives of citizens in the reservation's community and industrial areas, including such places as Seekseequa and Sidwalter, as well as Warm Springs and Simnasho.

"What we're trying to do is get better public involvement in planning," Lonnie Macy, a tribal planner, said.

Tribal natural resources planners hosted a pair of meetings at the longhouses in Simnasho and Warm Springs in January to glean community input on IRMP III. But the turnout, Macy said, was sparse.

So the group is looking to-

ward family-based meetings for increased public participation. These meetings could take any form, either with the traditional evening meeting following a potluck dinner in a hall, or as informal as a mid-day luncheon or evening dessert at a home.

"We'll provide the presentation, maps, surveys and handouts," Macy said. "We just need a place, someone's home or someplace in the community."

"Our goal is to have IRMP III done this year, hopefully by this summer, but definitely this year," said Bill Rhoades, a member of the IRMP III committee.

IRMP III, which follows IRMPs I and II, has been the subject of meetings, both with tribal community members and technical staff from Warm Springs Natural Resources for about a year. IRMP I was completed in the 1980s, and deals with forest land. IRMP II focuses on non-forested rangeland.

When the third phase, IRMP III, is complete, the plan is to join the three components together and come up with a final zoning plan.

The basic legal framework of the plan IRMP III is in place.

What remains for discussion is

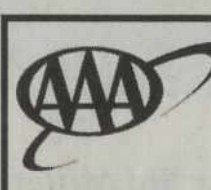
a "fleshing out" of how 11 key areas addressed in the plan would be administered. And that's where the community input is encouraged.

The 11 areas are as follows: residential, utilities, public facilities, transportation, telecommunications, cultural resources, natural resources, recreation, industrial facilities, commercial and retail facilities, and land use designations. "These are the points we're wanting input on," Rhoades said. "And those are the kind of things that are going to have impact on people's daily life, and that's what we want them to talk about."

The 11 areas the plan currently addresses were introduced by community members, identified as the issues community members brought up the most. "And we think that's fairly complete. There might be something else out there, but those are the ones we've heard in the past," said Clay Penhollow, a planner for the natural resources department and member of the IRMP team.

Anyone interested in setting up a family or group meeting on IRMP III is encouraged to contact Macy through the Warm Springs Natural Resources at 553-2001.

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Meeting on meth prevention

There will be a meeting later this month on a plan to fight methamphetamine on the reservation. The meeting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, March 27-28.

The meeting will be facilitated by Rose and Barnhart, a Native American group specializing in methamphetamine prevention. All community members are invited.

The plan is being organized by the tribal court in conjunction with the Community Health Education Team.

If you have any questions about the plan or the meeting, call 553-4354.

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ECE powwow at Agency Longhouse

The Early Childhood Education Center is inviting the community to a powwow at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, March 16, at the Agency Longhouse.

Taco sale

There will be an Indian taco sale from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, March 27 at the Community Center Social Hall. This will be a fundraiser for Teri Jo and Amanda Squiemphen-Yazzie to make the trip to Hollan in July to play for Team USA in the volleyball youth division. Thank you for your support.

Raffle

For Teri Jo and Amanda Yazzie to go to Holland with the Team USA Volleyball Team. Raffle items include Blazers tickets, 15"LCD TV, MP3 player, portable DVD player, \$25 in gas at DMJ, and many other items! See Percy Yazzie, Teri Jo Yazzie, Amanda Yazzie, Rita Squiemphen or Val Squiemphen for tickets. Drawing on Sunday, April 16 at the Yazzie Youth Basketball Tourney. **Please support the girls!**

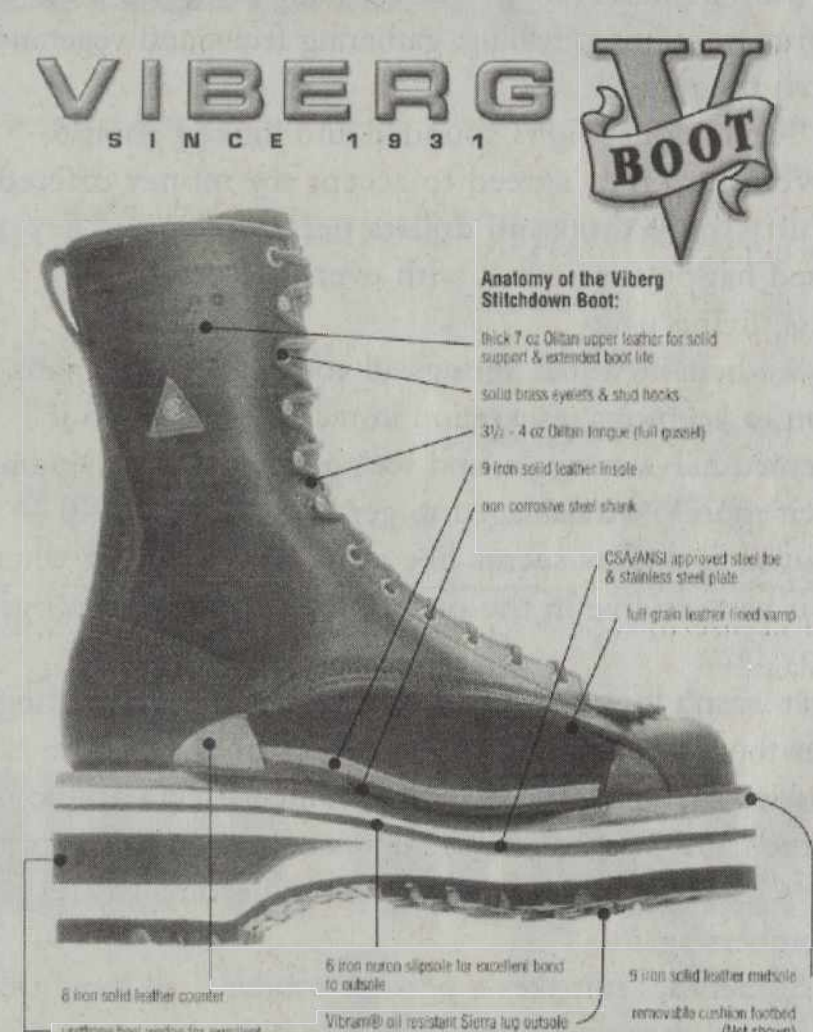
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